

Bedford Lutheran

church with a heart

God's Vision for Us: To celebrate Christ, grow in faith, and share God's Love with all! May 2019

A Message from Pastor Tim Feaser

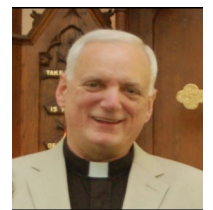
I was the new pastor at the church and I was touring our Sunday School one morning when I met 7 year old, Betsy. She was busy drawing when I walked in the classroom. When I checked out her artwork, I saw a figure that looked a lot like Col. Sanders (of Kentucky Fried Chicken fame). Since I'm always thinking about food, I asked her if that was Col. Sanders. "Nope," she said, "it's a picture of God." "But nobody knows what God looks like," I replied. "Well, they will when I'm finished!" said Betsy.

I've often thought about Betsy's picture and I realize that it's a pretty good illustration regarding our job as followers of Jesus. We are to show people what God looks like. If a person knows little about our faith, they might very well reject it based on the negative behavior of Christians. Some years ago, the BTK serial killer was found to be a Lutheran and an officer in his congregation! The young

man that shot up the "Mother" church in Charleston, South Carolina was also a Lutheran. Thank God the news media didn't latch on to that and broadcast it everywhere lest it be a terrible stumbling block for the non-Christian.

We know, of course, that simply being Lutheran doesn't prevent sin and hatred; and we don't hold the record on hideous crimes - but we certainly hold our share of them. That's why Betsy's picture and comment was so memorable. There's enough negative in the world - even in the church! Therefore we are called to rise above this sin to show people what God looks like. What a privilege to be God's ambassador to the world. We testify to a loving God that conquers our sin - no matter what.

-Pastor Tim



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Mt. Sidney, Salem;

Hebron, Madison;

Trinity Ecumenical Parish, Moneta;
Trinity, Pulaski;

St. Philip, Roanoke

St. Peter's, Stafford

VA Synod ELCA

Church Council Meeting- Tuesday-May 7th-5 p.m.

The Church Council will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, May 7th at 5:00 p.m.** at the Parish House.

Women's Small Group Ministry-May Meetings

The Women's Small Group meets on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. at the Snyder house, 1505 Wellington Drive, Bedford VA. **The group will not meet on May 19th.** All women are invited. Please contact Florayne Snyder at 540-583-5034 for information.

Third Sunday Singers Rehearsal-Sunday-May 19th- 10:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday Singers will present special music on Sunday, **May 19th.** Rehearsal begins at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to sing.

Worship Arts Meeting- Tuesday- May 28th-4:00 p.m.

The Worship Arts Committee has changed their meeting day and time to the **4th Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.** The May meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 28th at 4:00 p.m.** at the Parish House. All are invited to attend. Please contact Florayne Snyder for more information.

Shepherd's Table-May 29th

Bedford Lutheran Church, as part of our Outreach Program will host, prepare and serve a home cooked meal to those who most need it in our community from 10:00 am -1:30 p.m. at 217 W. Washington Street on Wednesday, May 29th. Please contact Charlotte Duis for information.

Adult Forum Ministry

The Adult Forum Class meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. All are invited. Please contact Fred Duis for info.

Monday Sewing Group

If you like to sew, please join the Monday Sewing Group. The group meets on Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at our Parish House at 728 Burks Hill Road, Bedford VA. The group sews a wide variety of items for our outreach projects. All are invited. Please contact Charlotte Duis for information.

Table Talk Bible Study- Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

"Table Talk" bible study meets on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. at our Parish House, 728 Burks Hill Road. The group studies the books of the Bible. All are invited. Please contact Jay Johnson for further information.

Coming Up In Early June:



Church Yard Sale-June 1st

Our annual church yard sale will be held on Saturday, June 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Rain Date is Saturday, June 8th. Gather your items and plan to join us. All proceeds will go to the Parish House Debt Fund.



Outdoor Worship & Potluck Picnic-Sunday-June 9th

Please make plans to join us for our Welcome the Summer Outdoor Worship and Potluck Picnic on Sunday, June 9th at the Parish House. The service will start at 10:30 a.m. followed by the picnic. The service is always beautiful in our back lot with lots of good food to follow and share.

Spring Clean-up Day Thank You!!!

Thank you to Ron Wollfert for organizing and to everyone who came out, provided equipment and worked hard to spruce up our Parish House property on April 6th for the upcoming seasons! From picking up branches, to removing huge limbs and debris to the tractor for disposal, to removing weeds, to raking, to pruning bushes, to cleaning the signs, etc., please know that we are so appreciative for all of your help! Below is a picture of some of the group who helped out.



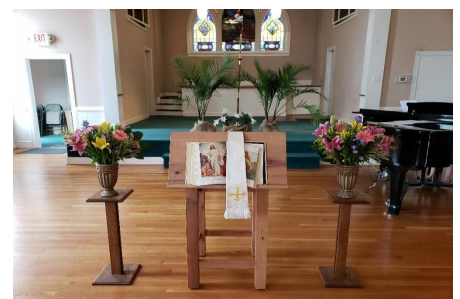
Soup Supper and Game Night

An enjoyable evening was had by all at the Parish House on April 10th. Below is a picture of some who attended.



Easter Sunday at Bedford Lutheran Church

A beautiful Easter Sunday at Bedford Lutheran with wonderful attendance!



Worship Schedule

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Greeters	Florayne Snyder	Bob Pratt	Eleanor Coppedge	Gary Snyder
Reading	Charlotte Duis	Doris Pratt	Brenda Wolhfert	Anita Braun
Ushers	Gary Snyder Ron Wolhfert	Fred Duis Robin Wood	Darlene Dyess John Dyess	Ann Sites Robin Wood
Communion	Anita Braun	Bob Pratt	Jay Johnson	Charlotte Duis
Altar Care	Brenda Wolhfert Set up-Wolhfert	Florayne Snyder Set up-Snyder	Charlotte Duis Set up-Duis	Ann Sites Set up- Johnson/Hagerman

Worship Attendance

- March 31: 33 people; April 7: 26 people; April 14: 20 people; April 18: 16 people; April 19: 20 people; April 21: 53 people; April 28: 34 people
- Please submit items for the **June** Newsletter to Robin Wood by **Friday, May 24, 2019** or earlier if possible.

Pastoral Needs

For any Pastoral needs, please call Pastor Tim Feaser at **410-608-9442** or email Pastor Tim at timfeaser@yahoo.com. For any prayer requests that you would like to share with our community through email, please send request to bedfordlutheranva@gmail.com.

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